



Case No. 4717

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

McLaughlin et al.

Serial No.: 09/998887

Filed: October 31, 2001

For: **A METHOD OF REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC
AMPLIFICATION IN PCR**

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: J. Siew

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With reference to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 44-51 drawn to kit containing primers, polymerase and DMSO, classified in class 435, subclass, 183, without traverse.

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2002, the claims were divided into Group I (claims 1-43, 52-65) and group II (claims 44-51). In response, applicant elects Group 1 without traverse. Non-elected claims 44-51 have been canceled.